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Applicant: Ameer *et al.*  
Serial No.: 09/495,278  
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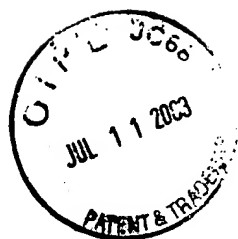
The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on April 16, 2003. The deadline for responding to the Office Action is July 16, 2003. Applicant submits that the present Response is timely submitted on Wednesday, July 9, 2003. Applicant respectfully requests entrance of the following Amendment and consideration of the following Remarks.

**Amendment**

**In the claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows. For the convenience of the Examiner, all of the claims, in the form they will take after entrance of the present Amendment, are attached as Appendix A.

17. (Twice Amended) A method of drug delivery, the method comprising [the] steps of:  
introducing into an animal's body (i) a polymerizable material (prepolymer), wherein the  
polymerizable material includes unsaturated functional groups,



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Enclosed are the following documents:

1. Response Under 37 CFR § 1.111 (8 pages);
2. Return Postcard.

If any additional fees are required to be paid or if any overpayment has been made, please charge or credit same to Deposit Account No. 03-1721.

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